
SENATE BILL No. 142

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 22-11-21.

Synopsis: Carbon monoxide detection devices. Requires the installation and maintenance of a carbon monoxide detection device (device) in certain dwellings after December 31, 2005. Makes it a Class D infraction to: (1) fail to install, repair, or replace a device; or (2) remove or tamper with a device or its battery.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2005.

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January 4, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Utilities, and Public Policy.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 22-11-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2005]:

4 **Chapter 21. Carbon Monoxide Detection Devices**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the fire**
6 **prevention and building safety commission established by**
7 **IC 22-12-2-1.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "device" means a carbon**
9 **monoxide detection device that:**

- 10 (1) **has a sensor that responds to carbon monoxide; and**
11 (2) **meets the minimum standards for carbon monoxide**
12 **detection devices established by rule by the commission.**

13 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "dwelling" means a building or**
14 **structure as described in IC 22-12-1-5(a)(1) on which:**

- 15 (1) **initial construction;**
16 (2) **construction of an addition; or**
17 (3) **remodeling;**



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begins after December 31, 2005.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "owner" means the person:

- (1) who is listed on the tax assessment rolls as being responsible for the payment of real property taxes imposed on the real property; and
- (2) in whose name title to real property is shown in the records of the recorder of the county in which the real property is located.

Sec. 5. A dwelling must contain at least one (1) functioning device installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and the standards established by the commission if the dwelling contains at least one (1) of the following:

- (1) A gas heating system.
- (2) A fuel burning appliance.
- (3) An attached garage.

Sec. 6. (a) A device installed in a dwelling under this chapter must:

- (1) receive its primary power from the dwelling wiring when the wiring is served from a commercial source;
- (2) receive power from a battery when primary power is interrupted; and
- (3) be accessible for servicing and testing.

(b) The owner or manager of a dwelling or the rental agent of the owner shall:

- (1) maintain; and
- (2) test at least one (1) time every six (6) months;

a device installed in a dwelling under this chapter in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the rules adopted by the commission to ensure that the device is in proper operating condition.

(c) The wiring of a device installed in a dwelling under this chapter:

- (1) must be permanent; and
- (2) must not have a disconnecting switch other than that required for overcurrent protection.

Sec. 7. The owner or manager of a dwelling or the rental agent of the owner is responsible for:

- (1) the installation of a device in the dwelling as required by this chapter; and
- (2) the repair or replacement of the required device not more than seven (7) working days after the owner, manager, or rental agent is given written notification of the need to repair

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or replace the device.

Sec. 8. A person shall not:

(1) tamper with; or

(2) remove;

a device installed in a dwelling under this chapter or its battery except when necessary for maintenance or replacement purposes.

Sec. 9. If a device installed in a dwelling under this chapter sounds an alarm, an occupant of the dwelling shall:

(1) evacuate the dwelling; or

(2) follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning the device.

Sec. 10. (a) A municipality (as defined in IC 36-1-2-11) or a county may adopt an ordinance concerning devices to be located inside dwellings that:

(1) includes more stringent or detailed requirements than those set forth in this chapter; and

(2) does not conflict with this chapter.

(b) An ordinance is not voided or limited by this chapter if the ordinance:

(1) applies to a dwelling; and

(2) is at least as stringent as the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 11. A violation of section 7 of this chapter is not grounds for a reduction or denial of a claim under an insurance policy even if the policy contains terms to the contrary.

Sec. 12. Compliance with this chapter does not relieve an owner from the requirements of another applicable law, ordinance, rule, or regulation.

Sec. 13. A person who violates section 7 or 8 of this chapter commits a Class D infraction.

Sec. 14. The commission shall adopt rules to implement this chapter.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Notwithstanding IC 22-11-21-14, as added by this act, the fire prevention and building safety commission shall carry out the duties imposed upon it by IC 22-11-21, as added by this act, under interim written guidelines approved by the state fire marshal.

(b) This SECTION expires on the earlier of the following:

(1) The date rules are adopted under IC 22-11-21-14, as added by this act.

(2) July 1, 2006.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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